forces, has caused embarassment to India ; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to ensure enforcement of stricter discipline in the rank posted abroad, in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) A total of 2358 personnel were deployed at UNTAC, Cambodia, between June 1992 to November 1993. A few personnel have tested HIV positive on return. These personnel have been put under surveillance. Necessary measures have been taken to educate the troops on all aspects related to AIDS and stricter discipline in being enforced on the UN-bound troops.

Not withstanding this, the Indian troops by dint of their devotion to duty and sense of discipline have won praise from all quarters.

Depending on foreign equipments for defence

948. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of country's ; defence services wings dependency on foreign equipments and by what percentage foreign dependency has increased/decreased during the last decade ;

(b) what is the comparative Five Year Plan allocation during the succesive plans for the Defence Research and Development of advanced technologies and defence production to reduct foreign dependency ;

(c) what are the results achieved so far ;

(d) whether Government have made any critical analysis with regard to flaws in defence policy ; and

(e) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to bring about reforms in the Defence services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Import of Defence equipments/stores is resorted to only after examining the techno-economic feasibility of indigenous production within the requisite time-frame. India has a strong research and development base and also a sizeable production infrastructure for manufacture of Defence stores. Efforts are continuously made to reduce the import of defence stores, both to save foreign exchange and attain self-reliance. It will not be desirable in the security interest to disclose further details.

(d) Government does not perceive any flaws in the defence policy.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Replacement of Mig-21 fighter fleet

949. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that eight squadrons of older MIG-21 fighter fleet face the shadow of retirement and obsolescence ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government for the replacement thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Replacement of Aircraft on completion of their useful life is a continuous and on-going process. As originally planned, older version of MIG-21 would have been phased out by 2000 A.D. In order to derive maximum benefit from the available resources, life of these aircraft is being extended to the extent feasible through inspections & modifications. Besides, MIG-21 BIS aircraft is planned to be upgraded.